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Dennis W. WAHR et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3763  
Application No.: 09/845,162 ) Examiner: Unknown  
Filed: May 1, 2001 )  
For: EMBOLI PROTECTION DEVICES )  
AND RELATED METHODS OF USE )

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Sir:

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed document is attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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